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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 11-21, 26-36, and 41-45 are pending in the present application.

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 3, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). In addition, the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter for claims 11-15, 26-36, and 41-45. Applicants have canceled claims 1-6, and 16-21. Applicants would like to preserve the right to continue prosecuting the canceled claims in the future. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter for claims 11-15, 26-36, and 41-45. Applicants have canceled claims 1-6, and 16-21. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance.

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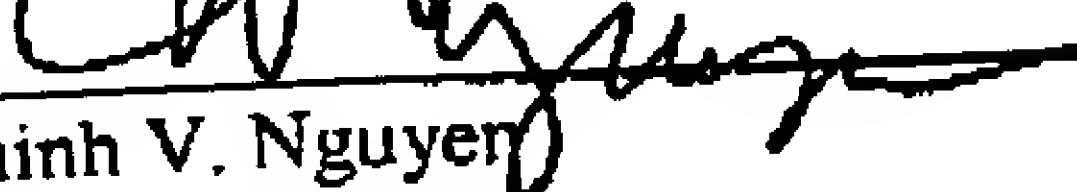
Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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